Law, Justice and Company Affairs have appointed some notaries in Delhi during 1993-94;

(b) if so, the break-up of candidates belonging to Scheduled castes/Tribes and the non-SC/STs called for interview and those who were selected;

(c) whether it is fact that the advocates belonging to SC/STs possessing more than twenty five years experience were discriminated and much junior advocates belonging to upper castes were appointed; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for providing adequate representation to the SC/ST advocates while appointing Notaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BGARDWAJ): (a) yes Sir. (b) In 1993-94, 16 eligible advocates practising at Delhi were inerviewed and out of them, 9 were appointed as notaries. Under the Notaries Act, 1952, there is no provision for the reservation of appointments in favour of the SC/ST advocates. Hence, no data regarding candidates belonging to SCs/STs is maintained.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The appointment of notaries is made on the basis of the requirements of the Notaries Act, 1952 and the rules made thereunder.

Winding up of Non-Functioning Companies

3193. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to simplify the procedure for winding up of non-functioning companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the representatives of Companies' Associations have discussed this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The procedure for striking off the name of a defunct company has been specified in Section 560 of the Companies Act, 1956. The Department of Company Affairs has recently simplified the procedural requirements before initiating such action by Registrar of Companies where request has been made in this behalf. In cases where no request is made by the companies/their directors and where the companies have not filed their balance sheets for the last two or more years after incorporation and there is no evidence to suggest that the company is carrying on business or is in operation, *suo moto* action is to be taken after issuing a public notice in the newspapers by the Registrar of Companies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Creation of Trusts for Providing Service to inventors of Shares

3194. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Company Affairs had issued instructions to various chambers of commerce to advise their constituents to create Trusts for providing service to the investors in the matter of disposing odd lot of shares of a company held by them;

(b) if so, what is the number of companies which have created such Trusts so far;

(c) whether Government's objective of encouraging self-regulation instead of prescribing any specific provision in the Companies Act, has been achieved; and

(d) whether Government intend to take any steps for creation of such Trusts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information regarding the number of companies which have created such trusts is not maintained by the Department of Company Affairs.

(c) and (d) The problem of disposal of odd lots shares is likely to be solved by creation of independent Trusts by the companies.

Pilot Progress Scheme for expeditious disposal of pending cases

3195. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the results of Pilot Progress Scheme introduced

by Karnataka High Court at the behest of Chief Justice of India in Chikmanglur, Mandya and Kodagm districts from May, 1993;

(b) if so, what is the progress till date;

(c) whether Government will make any follow up action in the rest of the country, if the results are found positive;

(d) what is the number of pending cases in various States, level-wise and period-wise;

(e) whether Government have any other scheme for expeditious disposal of considerably pending cases, if so, what are the details of such schemes and by when they will be implemented on trial basis and what will be the additional cost infrastructure and manpower for their implementation; and

(f) whether Government will share the cost factors and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per information from the Registry of Karnataka High Court, the High Court of Karnataka is monitoring the Pilot Progress Scheme introduced in the Districts of Mandya, Kodagu, Chikmagalur and Bijapur in Karnataka with the object of disposing of all the cases (except the cases which have been stayed by the Higher Courts) pending as on 31.5.93 within the period of 2 years, i.e. by years, i.e. by 31.5.95. The progress made is given below:

(c) The Administration of Justice in the District and subordinate Courts comes under the purview of the State Government/High Court concerned. The Government would at the appropriate time, circulate, if necessary, the scheme to other High Courts/State Governments for their consideration, if the Karnataka experiment succeeds in reducing pendencies appreciably.

(d) The available information with regard to pendency of cases in the High Courts and District/Subordinate Courts is furnished in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, Annexure No. 50]

(e) and (f) In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases in Courts and find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts was held on 4th December, 1993, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The resolutions adopted in the Conference have been commended to all the State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts for necessary action.

The Administration of Justice has been made a Plan item with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases.

Name of the District	No. of cases pending as on 31.5.93	31.5.94	Disposal from 31.5.93 to 31.5.94
(i) Chikmagalur	23,050	8,794	14,256
(ii) Mandya	24,478	14,213	13,265
(iii) Kodagu	14,359	4,978	9,381
(iv) Bijapur	52,270	30,580	21,690
Total	1,17,157	58,565	58,592

Wind and Solar Energy on the off Shore/ Deep Sea Ships/Moving Trains

3196. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any possibility to explore wind and solar energy with tech-nological upgradation on the off-shore/ deep sea ships and on moving trains; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard? THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a wide ranging programmes throughout the country to exploit Non-Conventional Energy Sources such as solar, wind, biomass, hydro etc. The exploitation of the off-shore/moving platform wind and solar